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[1] The undersigned does not have a copy of these documents to submit, however, we can obtain and
submit copies if requested.

1. *KG Sinclair, Free E-books You Can Download, Copyright 1999, Pages 1-5,*

<http://web.archive.org/web/19991128041349/ksinclair.com/ebooks.htm> can be found in U.S.

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2. *Jeff Sutherland, Business object design and implementation workshop, ACM*

SIGPLAN OOPS Messenger, Addendum to the proceedings of the 10th annual conference on

Object-oriented programming systems, languages, and applications (Addendum), Oct. 1995,

vol. 6, Issue 4, was cited in U.S. Patent No. 6,449,627; and

3. *Haim et al., Semantic integration in complex systems, ACM SIGPLAN OOPS*

Messenger, Addendum to the proceedings of the 10th annual conference on Object-oriented

programming systems, languages, and applications (Addendum), Oct. 1995, vol. 6, Issue 4, was

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